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This electronic newsletter is designed to keep you current on issues affecting the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Delta Stewardship Council at its meeting tomorrow will consider Delta interim plan

The Delta Stewardship Council at its meeting tomorrow, Friday, July 23, will consider comments on the second draft of its interim Delta plan. Comments received by Aug. 3 will be considered as part of the third draft of the plan at its Aug. 26 and 27 meetings. You can find the <u>Second Draft Interim Plan here</u>. The council is meeting at the Old Sugar Mill in Clarksburg. Thursday's meeting included a tour of the Delta. <u>The meeting agenda -- for today's and tomorrow's meetings -- can be found here</u>. Also, the council will present a public session on *Governance and Implementation* section in the Delta Plan (<u>details here</u>).

State Water Board names attorney as first Delta Watermaster

The State Water Board has named attorney Craig M. Wilson to serve in the newly created Delta Watermaster position. Wilson is a more than 30-year veteran of dealing with California's complex water issues. Wilson is currently a lawyer at Stoel Rives LLP specializing in water issues. He was the State Water Board's Chief Counsel from 2000 until 2005. Prior to that, he had 24 years of experience in a variety of capacities with the Water Board. The watermaster will have authority to require monitoring and reporting, and take enforcement actions in the Delta. It is a four-year appointment. Read more.

Report about Delta flow criteria posted online The State Water Board has prepared a <u>draft report determining flow criteria</u> to protect the Delta ecosystem. The board will consider the report at its Tuesday, Aug. 3, meeting, where it will hear public comments. If you want the board to consider written comments before the meeting, they must be received by noon Thursday, July 29.

DWR doing workshops on flood planning this month

The Department of Water Resources' Central Valley Flood Planning Office will host a series of 11 workshops about flood protection planning this month. The workshops will focus on such things as regulations, ecosystems, flood warning and finance. They began July 19 and will end on July 29. Read more.

DWR extends comment deadline on Delta drilling plans

The public now has until Sunday, July 31, to comment on geotechnical engineering studies for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and for preliminary engineering studies for the Delta Habitat Conservation and Conveyance Program. DWR extended the dead-line from July 15. For instructions on commenting please go here. DWR is the lead State agency under the California Environmental Quality Act and has prepared a <a href="Draft">Draft</a> Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for upcoming geotechnical work.

Ag water conservation subject of two meetings offered by DWR DWR and the Agricultural Water Management Council will listen to the public in two sessions regarding the ag requirements under the Water Conservation Act of 2009 (SBx7-7). The first session will be held Tuesday, July 27, in Fresno and the second session in Sacramento on Thursday, July 29. More information and an agenda will be posted soon on the SBx7-7 website (click on the public participation link on the left side of the page.)



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